

PROPER LAWNMOWER SAFETY CAN SAVE FINGERS, TOES AND LIVES



Children under six years of age should be kept indoors and should not be allowed to ride as passengers on mowers.

Children should never touch a lawnmower that has been recently used.

1. Put on close-fitting clothes, sturdy, full toed and non slip shoes.
2. When using a power mower, make sure it has a rear guard to protect hands and feet from blades and a downward-aimed discharge chute so debris is less likely to hit anyone nearby.
3. If your electric mower is not labeled “double insulated”, plug it only into a grounded (3-prong) outlet.

BEFORE STARTING

- Add fuel and wipe up spills.
 - Adjust cutting height before.
 - Before mowing, rake up wires, cans, rocks, twigs or other litter cluttering the lawn.
4. Never run mower over gravel, stones, or hard, unmovable objects, like pipes, rocks, or sidewalk edges.

5. Always start up outdoors, near the lawn you are going to mow.
6. Don't ever cut a wet lawn – since grass often clogs the discharge chute tempting you to clear it with the machine running.
7. Always turn off the mower and disconnect the spark plug wire or electric plug before unclogging or adjusting the machine. Even a slight rotation of the blade could start the engine.
8. Never refuel a mower while it is running or the engine is hot.
9. Mow across slopes if using a walk-behind mower. With a riding type mower, drive up and down slopes for stability.
10. If using an electric mower, take care not to run over the cord.
11. Push, don't pull, a hand mower.
12. Don't smoke near a power mower or near gasoline.
13. Keep children and others out of the area being mown.
14. Turn off the mower if you leave it, even if only for a moment.

Let an expert look your mower over for leaks, electrical shorts, blade condition and balance.

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